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Dear Editor:

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- The purpose of the parade to be celebrational, educational, and commera-tive.

I believe that the triple purposes of the parade will help to celebrate the lesbian and gay communities as healthy and affirmative segment of our society that contributes towards the general well-being of our society.

Through education, we will show our pride in the progress of society. Knowledge is the only cure for intolerance. We also need to remember those who have sacrificed much, even their lives, so that all may enjoy full human rights. This affords us the opportunity to stand with those who continue the struggle for human rights and human dignity.

Please meet with us on April 23rd at the Lambda Community Center, 20th and L Streets, at 7:30 p.m. We would like to

hear the perspective of all people who believe a parade is appropriate and would like to help as well as those who don't share this dream. We'd like to hear why.

Respectfully yours,
Rand L. Sheriff-Laurent

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Correction

The March issue featured a personal ad which, due to a typographical error, appeared to seek contact with a minor. This should have read "18 to 35 years." PATLAR apologizes for any offense this error may have caused. In addition, an ad was printed which featured a graphic reference to an unsafe sexual activity. Again, PATLAR apologizes for any offense caused by this ad, and reaffirms our policy of reserving the right to edit or reject any ad which is in poor taste, may result in legal action, or directly solicits unsafe sexual activity.

LETTERS

Editor's Note: These letters have been edited for length; the full texts are on file with the Patlar.

Dear Ernie:

In response to the young man's opinion about Sacramento the ex-San Franciscan ought to relax. The people of River City are probably still checking him out. "Introduce yourself," if the impression is favorable we'll come knocking.

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Yes, Sacramento is full of cliques. However, my question is to the gentleman who stated "when I lived in San Francisco I was popular." Which means to me a clique is OK if he is included. To anyone who has visited San Francisco, the first time you walk into a bar you are not going to be invited to every party in town. It is hard enough to get people to talk to you in the bars of San Francisco.

The bottom line is similar to your suggestion "to make friends you have to be one." If you are friendly and honest, people will meet you one by one, but you cannot go into any city and expect to instantly be invited to all parties.

Remember this experience the next time someone tries to talk to you in a bar and you snub him because he isn't part of your clique. Life is a learning experience. I hope he has learned something from this one.

Joseph C. Gipe

Dear Editor:

In reference to Ernie Brown's column from last month, I believe it is important for Sacramentans to know that a new resident may perceive them to be unfriendly, uptight, and cliquish.

I have visited San Francisco a few times, and I plan to move there within the next four to six months. When I have visited there, I have not been able to walk a block without someone having something friendly to say to me. This was my experience when I lived in San Jose for two months over a year ago. I have found the situation is totally the opposite here.

When the recent tanker truck accident occurred in Fair Oaks and Carmichael, Channel 3 news reported that neighbors in that area saw or spoke to each other for the first time in years at the emergency shelters. Some were totally unaware that other neighbors still lived in the neighborhood. I find this to be a sad commentary upon Sacramento.

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The people who are in or have cliques here need to think about what it's like for newcomers who are on the outside looking in. People in cliques always have a positive opinion of their city because that is the only side they ever hear. I have been treated and made to feel like an outsider ever since the first day I arrived here over a year ago.

I have found that going to gay bars, personal ads or getting involved in anything here to be a total waste of my time and money. I feel that the unfriendly, uptight and cliquish attitude really amounts to hate. I, for one, wonder why Sacramentans think they can project hate and expect to get love in return.

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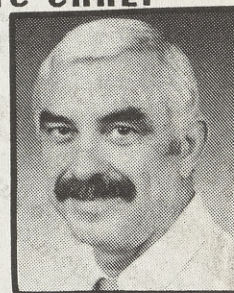


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Ken

EDITOR

There's a bit of a fresh look to this month's PATLAR, which we hope you'll all appreciate. Aside from our continuing efforts to improve our editing and lay-out, we've organized our material into several departments, which will remain consistent from issue to issue.

For instance, our various social and political commentators will now be found in the **Forum**—an open discussion section for diverse points of view about the lesbian and gay experience. Familiar writers such as Mary Smith, Ralph Walker, Nancy Lyn Define, and Lee Horner will find their home here.

Crossroads will feature informative news clips from around the country. **Diversions** will offer information and advice on those things which distract the mind and relax or entertain, ranging from cooking and travel to gardening and the bar scene.

As we welcome new writers and features, PATLAR will expand to accommodate them within this general format. I hope that this will make reading the PATLAR more enjoyable for all our patrons, and we appreciate any comments you may have.

On to a different issue. Just a brief word concerning the local rise in anti-Gay violence, most recently resulting in the tragic murder of Vincent Blades. Our whole community no doubt shares the sadness and anger of Vincent's friends. It is nonetheless heartening to see the way in which so many members of our community continue to pull together against mindless bigotry and violence. Recent forums have spotlighted the varied efforts underway. Let us maintain the calm determination and courage which has sustained our march from the closeted shadows these past few decades as we work closely with and educate local law enforcement and the community at large as to our needs. To borrow a phrase from Nancy Lyn Define's article this month, with each act of violence against any one of us, we are all diminished.

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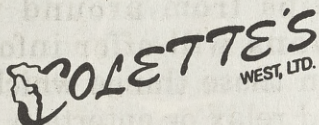
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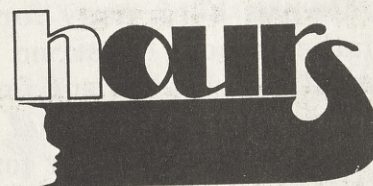
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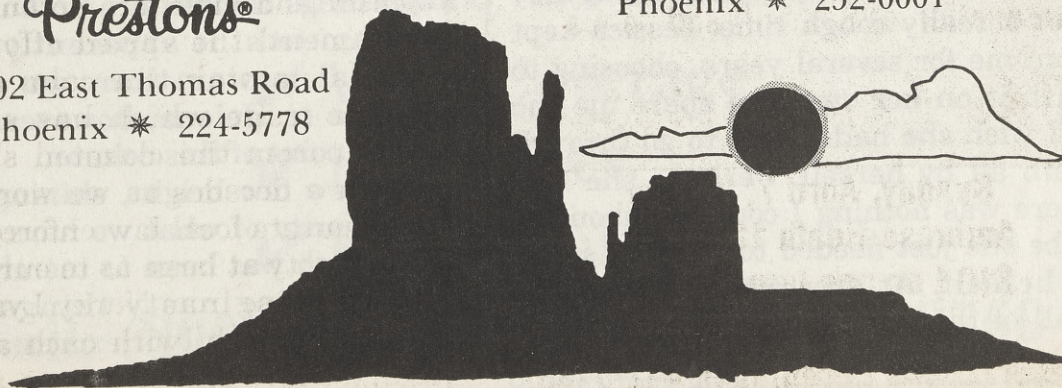
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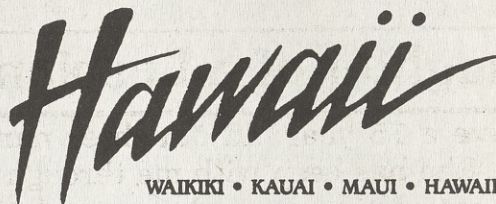
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up. All the pain of a child living in a lesbian household came out then.

For all the years before that, I honestly believed that all I had to do was love her enough and teach her about the bigotry and hate in the world and everything would be okay. It wasn't okay. There are things I could have done to help her if I had known...maybe. Maybe it was a time in our lives when we both learned that hate and bigotry are often more powerful than love. Jessica was punished by her "friends" and by her father and stepmother because I am a lesbian. Nothing can change that fact.

Any loving parent knows how painful it can be to see her or his child suffer and be unable to take away the hurt. I considered going back in the closet to protect her, but I realized I would only be telling her that the bigots are right; that it is shameful to be a lesbian and we have to hide it. I have fought too hard for my own pride and dignity to give it up. So, Jessica decided to put herself in the closet, instead.

It makes for a difficult situation in our households. I am very involved in politics

and very out. I speak about lesbian and gay lives for the Speaker's Bureau and hold positions in lesbian/gay organizations. And yet, in my own home, when my daughter has her boyfriend over or friends from schools, I feel I have to hide all of that because of her need to feel safe. I hurt for her—and for myself.

I have been talking to my daughter about how we might handle the situation if my lover, Joanna, and I decide to live together. She likes Joanna very much, but knows that she can't stay in the closet and have Joanna live with us at the same time. It's too obvious. She thinks about "coming out" to her boyfriend and fears rejection if he knows her mother is a lesbian. We talk about what real love is and how it shouldn't matter and that, someday, she'll have to tell somebody. Unfortunately, that kind of logic doesn't work very well in matters of the heart.

I feel eventually she will get past this stage as she grows and matures. I fear she may reject me. It happens. However, I can only do the best I can and keep fighting for recognition and acceptance of lesbians and gay people. After all, I may have a lesbian or gay grandchild one day. And, I have to continue to love her unconditionally—no matter what she decides to do.

There is another point in this story, of course. I want to get a message to all the lesbian and gay people who are choosing to have children or who are thinking about it. Our love for children is not always enough to help them with their pain. It is essential, but it may not be enough. We need to start support groups for our kids (maybe there are some already out there?). We need to get into the schools and educate children, teachers, and administrators about these issues so they can be aware of how to help our children and put an end to bigotry in the schoolyard. We need to release ourselves from the shame of the closet so our children can feel as proud of us as we feel about ourselves.

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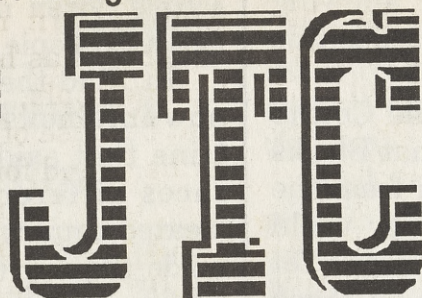
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ality. That is a far cry from getting the state to do wonderful things for us, like recognizing our relationships or allowing us to bring our foreign-born spouses to this country.

To draw a strong contrast, the Courts have recognized for a long time that Blacks are entitled to special protection from the Courts because as a minority they wield little political power in most areas. Yet Blacks are currently protected by three amendments to the U. S. Constitution, a dozen federal civil rights acts, and civil rights acts at the state level in 48 states out of 50. Gay people, who according to the Ninth Circuit wield such tremendous political power that we don't need protection

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In 1896 the Supreme Court upheld the now-infamous "separate but equal" doctrine that said the states could treat the races differently as long as they were treated equally. In that decision, the Court made the marvelous (in the sense of truly being a marvel) statement that Blacks should not feel segregation was directed only at them; whites were just as much forbidden to associate with blacks as blacks were to associate with whites.

Today, no self-respecting lawyer would make that argument. Not even a Klansman would make that assertion with a straight face. Yet, in 1896, a near-unanimous (the vote was 7 - 2) Supreme Court bought that argument and made it binding precedent, not to be reversed for some 60 years.

Which is just the point. There is a tendency to give the benefit of the doubt to people (or in this case, groups) that one likes, or at least doesn't hate. In 1896 a majority of the Supreme Court was openly and avowedly racist, and therefore was not of a mind to give Black people any benefit if they could figure out a way around it. I don't think the Court thought about it in those terms, but that was the result.

When you tell a race of people that has just been mugged by the Legislature that they shouldn't take it personally, the hurt caused is just as great whether deliberate or not.

I've never met the Honorable Jeannette Hayner, the Republican leader of the Washington State Senate, so I have no way of knowing whether she actively hates gay people or not. That any reasonable person should be able to see that gay people deserve legal protection from physical abuse doesn't affect her vote. Gay people in Washington state will continue to be physically attacked, with no legal protection in place, in part because she helped kill a bill that would have made these acts of hate a

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Nancy Lyn Define



For John, Wherever I Might Find Him

For John, Wherever I Might Find Him

This is for John. Oh, it's also for Mario and Mark and Frankie and Andy. but mostly, this is for John. Because I love John. Because John is gentle and kind and good. Because, well, because John is John.

Sometimes I worry about him. Not that John is sick or anything. So far, John has been lucky. But John is a man and John is gay. I worry.

So, you see, if you're a militant lesbian who thinks AIDS isn't our problem, I urge you to think again. And if you're one of those "womyn" who think that ALL men are our enemy...well, maybe you ought to rethink that a little, too. Because All men are not the enemy. Prejudice is. And fear is. And ignorance is. Sometimes I wonder if YOU are when you spread your "EVERYONE with a penis is bad and contributes to keeping women down" philosophy.

But go ahead. Tell me how even a nine month old baby boy should not be welcome at a women's music festival. Explain to me again how I am consorting with the enemy by writing for publications which allow men to voice their opinion. Tell me John is oppressing me. Tell me I'm a traitor to feminism, a Mata Hari to gay women. But don't you tell me who my friends can be. And don't you dare classify all persons merely because they have—or do not have—a penis. Let me say it again. I love John. And Mario. And Frank. And Andy. And I don't want to go to a bar where they're not welcome.

Of course, sexism is still widespread, even among gay men who should know better. I want, and deserve, equal pay, equal status, and equal respect. But gay

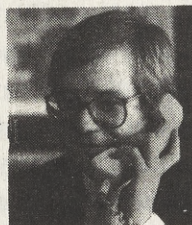
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crime. Maybe she honestly doesn't see the massive harm that she just did to large numbers of people, just like maybe the 1896 Supreme Court honestly didn't see the hurt it caused to the Blacks. But it doesn't matter because the end result is the same.

And as for the Ninth Circuit, with its myopic belief that gay people (which can't even muster the votes in Olympia or Helena to obtain simple justice) has tremendous political power: maybe the judge who wrote that opinion honestly believes that. On the other hand, maybe he was deliberately being dishonest. But does it matter? I think not. ♥

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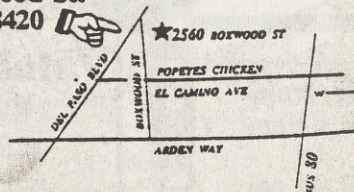
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Besides, a lot of them have their own problems these days, which must also be my problems. Because my fate and my future is inexorably tied in with theirs. With each indignity a gay man with AIDS suffers, with each indifferent attitude, with each medical advance that gets tied up in red tape, I am diminished. And my rights are diminished. And my voice is less.

So please don't tell me ALL men are my enemy. Or that we have to climb over the backs of ANYONE to gain respect. As far as the "penis oriented" publications you find so offensive, don't read them, although I think you're missing out on a

lot that way. Refusing to read newspapers that are the lifeblood of our community is beyond my comprehension. But then, I'm still trying to understand what the big deal was about the nine-month-old baby boy at the women's festival. And why you continually referred to him as the "oppressor."

Look, most of us just carry on, trying to change what we can when we can, growing impatient because change comes so slowly and the years don't. And we grow older. At least those of us who have been afforded that luxury do.

We try not to take ourselves too seriously. We try not to get disheartened when we see the homophobia in movies and best selling books...and from politicians who should know better. Finally, we try to laugh more often than we cry. And usually, when we laugh, it's with our friends. Friends like Debbie and Cathy and Sandy and Jan. Friends like Mark and Tony and Frank and Andy. Friends like John. ▼

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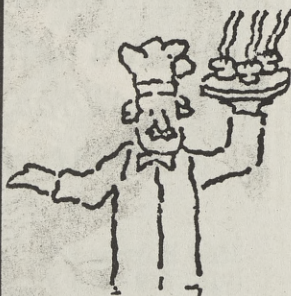
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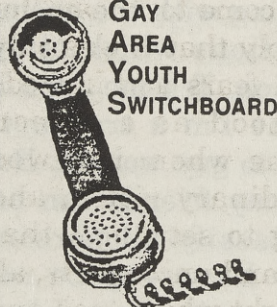
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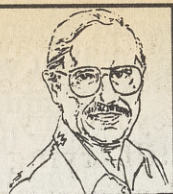


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Ralph Walker



...and There is More!

"I will not let grievances hide the miracles," is my summation of my lesson from *A Course in Miracles* for today. The instructions suggest that I move toward willingness to let go of my grievances toward someone who I have difficulty forgiving. "You already know who he is," the *Workbook* said.

Yes, I certainly *did*! President Bush immediately came into mind, and I knew my Lesson for today was to be a tough one, for he has indeed been the focus of my dislike, my disapproval, my irritation—and, as he has gleamed and glowed since the "glorious" success of our armed forces in the gulf—perhaps even my envy, that anyone could be so self-satisfied.

Yes, as I meditated on my lesson an image came to me as I realized that my "grievances" were like a wooden shingle which I held up in front of my eyes with my right hand, and when and if I chose to move it aside, even for a moment, what I truly "saw" behind those "illusions;" of my own making *was* the Light—or in every instance, including that of George Bush—a shining human being.

What, then, did this come to "mean" for me? It meant quite simply that it was only my "shingle" of my own fears and hatreds and terrors which stood as a screen between me and anyone whom I viewed through the eyes of ordinary vision, and that when I am willing to set aside, that screen of *my* prejudices and un comforts, all that was left was the Light which each and every individual is. Oh, yes, often unbeknownst to him or her, but truly there, in every case.

It was a very powerful lesson in "forgiveness" for me. It gave me a "handle" on the limitation on "seeing" that I put up between me and the world, and it also made startlingly clear how totally in con-

trol of that I am. In my image, I needed only to move my hand and that shingle away, to "cast the scales from my eyes" as has been said before.

For it's *there*, you see! Vision is truly everyone's gift, yet from childhood we've constructed these elaborate screens that sit between ourselves and any true vision of all others.

It may seem indeed, that we have cast aside those obfuscating screens when we fall in love, for here, at last, is someone truly wonderful, full of light and love and joy.... Or, at least for a time. And, unfortunately, far too short a time, for we begin before long to find fault in them, too, as we have in all the others, and realize that they are flawed, and not truly the being of light we'd thought them to be.

Sound familiar? Yes, I'm afraid it does. I've been through that, too, you see!

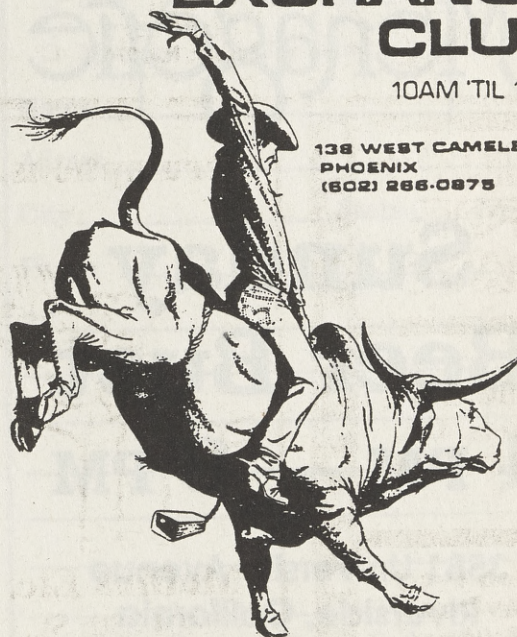
Yes, my image of the barrier with all those negative things on it which colors our vision of others applies here, too. But in this case, we hold up a screen of our own projected hopes, dreams, desires, and we only see this new "other" through that

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screen. Yet, as we come to know them longer, we find that our screen has protected us here, too, against truth, but in this case it has been protecting us from recognizing simpler and more obvious truths about our new partner...such as the fact that s/he is human, flawed as are we all, and frightened and afraid and harboring many of the same disappointments, sadnesses, griefs that are our own. And, unfortunately, more often than not, our choice is to flee and seek again for our perfect mate, in that endless search that never ends.

No, the search for the perfect mate never ends until we are willing to recognize the simple fact that we "project" our fantasies onto each new "love" and are sad-

dened when we find the person behind the mask that we have painted onto them.

How much more simple and direct and rewarding life could be, if we would simply be willing to put aside our "screens" and begin to learn to live in a world which *can* bring us happiness and fulfillment. For, as we learn increasingly to forgive, we gradually can come to experience a totally new world—one which, indeed, is full of "miracles!"

One of my ways of doing this is to give a warm and spontaneous smile to every face I meet, allowing each person to reflect back into that whatever s/he may choose. The more honest and sincere my smile becomes, the more frequent and generous the responses I find I receive. By putting aside, even for that instant, any "grievances" or "expectations," I uncover miracles!

As we lay aside that "shingle" or screen we discover love—not the romantic, passionate, largely sexual kind, but openly shared, unconditional love. How truly blissful it can be to live in a world in which one's smile is offered without any expectation of return, simply a gift of love! In that world, meeting the President or that man or woman with whom you do/will share the rest of your life is equally joyous! ▼

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Yours Truly in a Swamp

When I was in my salad days (my twenties) I lived in California and lay atop a park bench most afternoons in a manicured park high above the Pacific Ocean, listening to the ships and smelling the air moving up from San Francisco Bay. It was the 1960's, a terrific time to be in one's salad days.

I went on to become a sailor and ship out on vast oceans to far flung lands. Then I grew older, lived again on land and left the ships in memory's wake.

On a recent voyage, sailing aboard an airplane, returning from the ancient seabed of Nevada; Flying back to swampy New Orleans from desert dry Las Vegas, I decided to take the HIV test.

On the plane with me were two men in declining early years. They were frail, one more so than the other. Both had thin, wispy, post-chemotherapy hair.

I spoke, asking if they were from New Orleans. "Yes," the sprier one said. Had they won in Vegas? "No," they both said. I guessed two things about them; they were dying, the one sooner than the other.

Movies are the great American Art Form, they portend, herald and bracket our lives. The Graduate, The Big Chill, and Long Time Companion are all bitter sweet milestones of our age.

In cold Illinois I have a friend from college days who is HIV positive. He was slow in telling me, but I had guessed. He has gone back to graduate school at our alma mater. I went to see him. He told me his plans. They are to finish graduate school with the time he has left and then bow out or recover, if a cure is found.

These are times that try our soul and faith and patience. I decided again, this time for sure, when I get home I will take the HIV test.

In Illinois we talked about life in the sixties. Once he and I sat on a hillside looking at a munitions train moving slow and snake-like along the Mississippi River. There was war then, too. The sixties had their drawbacks.

I saw Long Time Companion for a third time after returning from Illinois. The ending is powerful. A tear jerker, ending like movies made during World War II. Two men and a woman walk on a beach dreaming of a better day and of those fallen.

I phoned to make an appointment for an HIV test. I am fifty pounds over weight

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and I worked for the United States Navy for all those years. I was given blood test regularly. Had they been positive surely they would have fired me. But then, maybe they did.

Also, I have had heavy bouts with depression. And I have dandruff when I don't wash my hair! And I had a little skin cancer on my nose!

The lady who greeted and tested and talked with me was nice, friendly and understanding. I was worried, she knew. "Probably you don't need to worry," she said, "You look healthy. Most people when they come for the test look ill."

I thought about my neighbor. One morning he died. He had looked healthy, a

big Frenchman from Cajun country who sold insurance in New Orleans. His long time companion told me he had been in hospital for two weeks with an uncontrollable sinus infection that turned out to be a rare spinal infection. Then they tested him for AIDS. He was positive. "After that, he gave up and went."

Louisiana is poor and slow. Results from an HIV test take "...two to three weeks," the nice lady said. I will tell you what it says.▼

To be continued next issue.

Roger C. Ludwig

A Son's Loneliness

Thinking of my roots.

So many times,

I've tried to sever,

The umbilical cord touched with rot.

But always—

I manage a faint smile,

Of the rich, green, grassy farmlands.

To my silent father,

I whisper words of truth.

With an emotionless face,

His response is bitter and numbing.

Then why,

With tortured thoughts,

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Simple Ways to Relax?

Some people do the strangest things to relax and unwind. Listening to some George Winston and drinking about a half carafe of white wine is my method for loosening up. And, of course, having my shoulders rubbed is enough to make me drool pools. I know some people who, on the other hand, play an hour or so of competitive sports and then claim to feel totally appeased and relaxed. I can't think of anything more disturbing than competitive sports. If I want to unwind, the last thing I'd do is call up one of my closest friends and say "Just for fun, let's you and I go play two out of three sets of racketball as a simple assessment of our quickness, agility, and general worth as individuals". Arguing with my mother sounds more appealing.

Obviously, we all have our different approaches to relaxing. What may be totally pleasing to one person may make the other guy feel like he's juggling plutonium. The following are ways that you may relax but would in no way diffuse my level of tension or menstrual irritability.

- Taking your two nephews to the driving range.
- Inviting a few friends over for a nice quiet evening only to inevitably end up talking about politics.
- Breathing bus fumes and dodging pot holes on brisk fitness walks.
- Sitting in a dark movie theater with someone in front of you with very large hair, and someone behind you chomping on a bottomless box of popcorn.
- Drinking a nice tall glass of Tang while listening to Zamfir, Master of the Pan Flute.
- Going to the mall only to discover you're the only person there over 15 years of age.

- Watching the evening news so you can keep a running tally of every homicide committed in your neighborhood that week.

- Signing up for a Transcendental Meditation class with twenty other individuals who are just as stressed as you are.

- Pulling wet fish out of a dirty pond with a hook, line, and sinker.

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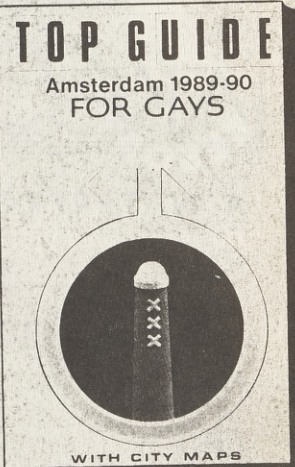
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The fifth annual Golden Threads Celebration will take place on June 28 to 30 at the Provincetown Inn in Provincetown, Massachusetts. Lesbians from all over the United States, many from Canada and other countries, will converge in Provincetown to celebrate what they are and their age, whatever it is.

Entertainment will be provided by Janice Perry a.k.a. GAL. A banquet will be followed by dancing with a DJ, playing the oldies.

In existence since 1985, Golden Threads is a worldwide social network of lesbians over 50, and women who are interested in older women — no lesbian is excluded. A contact publication, Golden Threads, is published four times a year.

For more information contact Christine Burton, Golden Threads, PO Box 3177, Burlington, VT 05401-0031.▼

A Show For Life On April 4— Harrah's Tahoe & "A Chorus Line" Team up to Help People with AIDS

Harrah's Casino Hotel, Lake Tahoe and the cast of "A Chorus Line" are joining hands in an effort to assist people with AIDS throughout the Lake Tahoe and Northern California region.

The casino hotel and the cast members of the acclaimed musical are hosting a special 10 p.m. benefit performance, Thursday, April 4. All proceeds from the show will be donated to the Lake Tahoe AIDS Task Force, the Sacramento AIDS Foundation and the San Francisco AIDS Foundation.

Reservations for the benefit performance are \$25, and can be made by calling 1-800-648-3773; 702-329-4422 (Reno area); 702-588-6606 (Tahoe area). ▼

Gay Film Nears Completion

A documentary film is being edited for broadcast on Public Television in 1991. "Changing Our Minds: The Story of Dr. Evelyn Hooker" chronicles the life and work of the first mental health professional to study gay men and prove that they were as "normal" as their heterosexual counterparts.

Friend to Stephen Spender, W. H. Auden and Christopher Isherwood, Dr. Hooker coined the phrase "gay community." It was Hooker's ground breaking study—conducted at the height of the McCarthy Era—which ultimately led to the declassification of homosexuality as an illness by the American Psychiatric Association in 1973.

The film's director is Richard Schmiechen, who won the Academy Award for "The Life and Times of Harvey Milk." The producer is Dr. James Harrison, a clinical psychologist and executive Director of New York's Foundation for Integrative Studies. Nancy Langer of planned Parenthood is associate producer.

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Kaposi's Sarcoma—Treatment Overview Now Available

The twice-monthly publication AIDS Treatment News has just released a special issue devoted entirely to the treatment of Kaposi's sarcoma (KS). KS is characterized by tumors composed of abnormally growing blood vessels, although it is unclear if KS is a cancer. The issue (number 122, dated March 1, 1991) covers treatments available now, plus an update on research that could have far-reaching implications for future anti-HIV and anti-cancer work. This special issue is one of the most thorough and up-to-date analyses in print today on KS treatments.

This vitally needed report is available at no cost by writing AIDS Treatment News, PO Box 411256, San Francisco, CA 94141 or by calling (800) TREAT-1-2 [(800)873-2812] or (415)255-0588. ▼

AIDS Action Council Applauds Institute of Medicine's Report on NIH AIDS Programs

AIDS Action Council, the national AIDS lobby, applauded a recent Institute of Medicine report on the National Institutes of Health AIDS programs. AIDS Action called on the NIH to implement the report's proposed reforms, and on Congress to heed its recommendations for greater funding for AIDS research.

AIDS Action Council joins the ION in calling for:

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The report, the result of an 18-month study of NIH programs by the National Academy of Sciences' Institute of Medicine, was undertaken at the request of the NIH.

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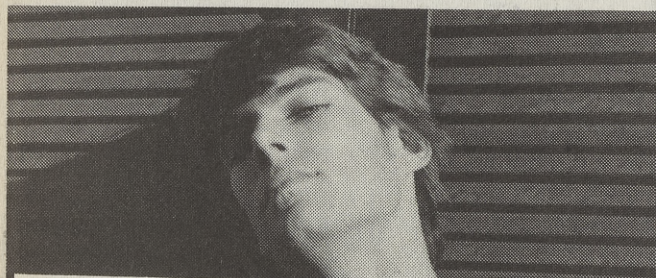


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All proceeds will benefit Community Relief for persons with AIDS and ARC. For details, call NOWAA at (504) 832-0685.▼

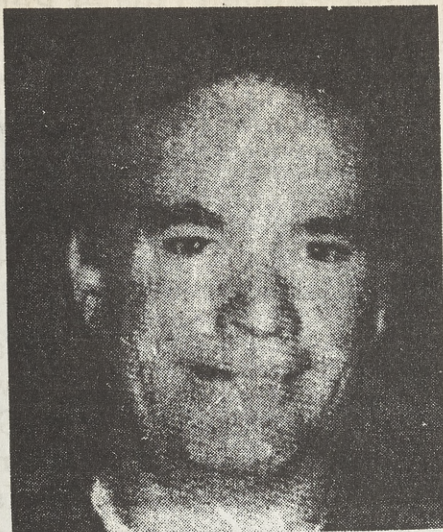
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Southerners sponsors popular monthly potlucks featuring down-home cooking that is hard to find or expensive in New York. They also host regular two-step dances, game nights, trips to southern restaurants, forums on Sodomy Law reform, parties for alumni/ae of Southern schools, and fund raisers for Southern gay groups.

Southerners is interested in contacting southerners in other cities to start similar groups. For more information about Southerners, or to receive its latest quarterly newsletter, *Southerners News*, write c/o PO Box 881, Church Street Station, New York, New York 10008-0881, or call (212) 674-8073.▼

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LaKish raised over \$700 at her birthday auction. All proceeds from the auction went to the "Godfather's Fund."

The Do-Cats show starring Bobby C. at Joseph's Town & Country was very enjoyable. But wait until you hear what's in store for you this month. It's more than April showers.

It's Coronation time again. Here is the rundown: we have two candidates running for Empress—Miss Robby and Lady Garnet. Two candidates for Emperor—KC and Leonard. Now, the thing that you have to do is get to know your candidates. Here is where you can meet them. KC and Miss Robby will be campaigning together. Here is their schedule: April 6 is the Main Event Dinner Show at the Tuesday Club, Camelia Room, 8 p.m., \$10 admission. Remember this includes dinner.

On April 7th there is a reception at the Townhouse and April 8th is candidate's night at the Townhouse. Starts at 10 p.m.

April 14th is voting day, picnic and show at the Mercantile Saloon and The Lambda Center. That's it for KC and Miss Robby.

Now for Lady Garnet and Leonard's schedule. April 4th they will be at the Buffalo Club starting at 8:30 p.m. April 5th is the day for the Shandra Show for Leonard and Lady Garnet at Joseph's Town and Country. April 6th, RJ's Chico

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Key West

The Palm Springs of Florida

California boys and girls sometimes look for new places to explore, rather than continuing to revisit the old haunts of palm Springs and San Francisco. If this is so with you, then we suggest you pack up your bathing suit and take a look at Key West, Florida.

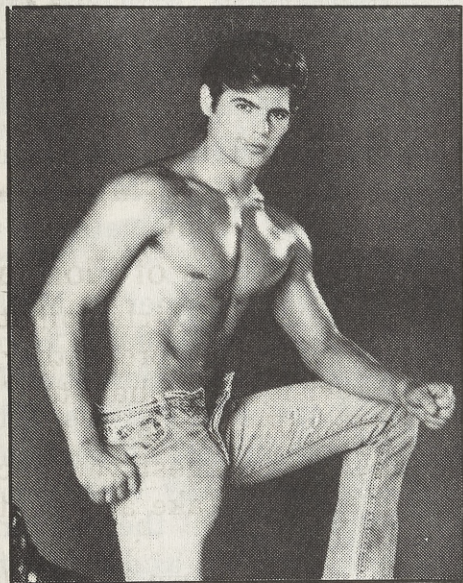
When the sun goes down in the Florida Keys the sidewalks do NOT roll up for the night. There is a gay nightlife that is both relaxed and within ten blocks of wherever you choose to stay. Key West abounds with quaint Bed and Breakfast accommodations. For truly convivial lodgings, we suggest Alexander's Guest House. With nine double rooms, it is intimate and cozy, and the pool area is a great place to converse with the other guests. Call (305) 294-9919 for more information.

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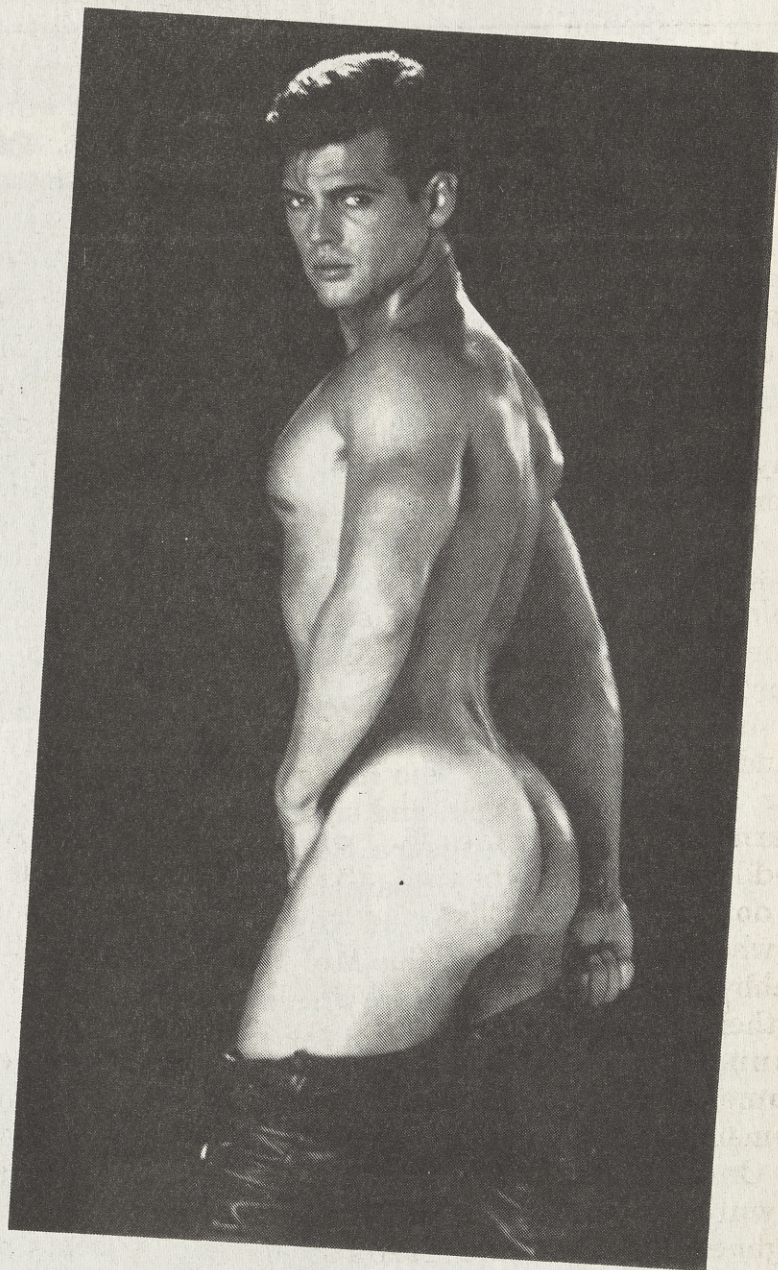
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Independent travelers can rent bicycles, mopeds or walk to most attractions since the entire city is a mere three and one-half miles in size. If you wish to fly into Miami you can rent a car or take the Greyhound down to Key West. It is a beautiful scenic drive.

Key West is best known as Hemingway's favorite haunt. In 1931 he purchased a pre-Civil War mansion there and lived in it for ten years while writing some of his best known works. His legend remains, and many visitors continue to seek out his home, which is now a museum.

Who we found to be even more interesting (and a legend in his own time) is Key West's own Mel Fisher, who has salvaged some \$400 million in gold and silver bounty from the ship "Nuestra Señora de Atocha," a 17th century Spanish galleon that sank 45 miles west of Key West. Fisher has established the Mel Fisher Maritime Heritage Museum, where visitors can touch and view some of the riches

of "Atocha" and the "Santa Margarita." We feel this to be one of America's top ten attractions; it's a one-of-a-kind type of place.

We also suggest a visit to the Hurricane Museum, which is only 10 blocks away. Again, this is a unique attraction. it's somewhat on the "funky" side and nestled in a warehouse-type facility; and what they lack, actually, is a first rate video similar to the one at the Seafood Museum in Biloxi, Mississippi which relates the "Hurricane Camille" story.

At day's end visitors gather at Mallory Square to "call it a day." The daily "Sunset Celebration" is an old tradition that Key Westers gladly share with visitors. While musicians, jugglers, mimes, an occasional fire-eater and even the Key West Cookie Lady provide entertainment the sun sinks slowly below the horizon; and when the sunset puts on a good enough performance, the audience respectfully applauds. We loved the "Sunset Celebration." We even met a Jamaican drag queen there wrapped lovingly in a boa constrictor. She was charging 30¢ a feel.

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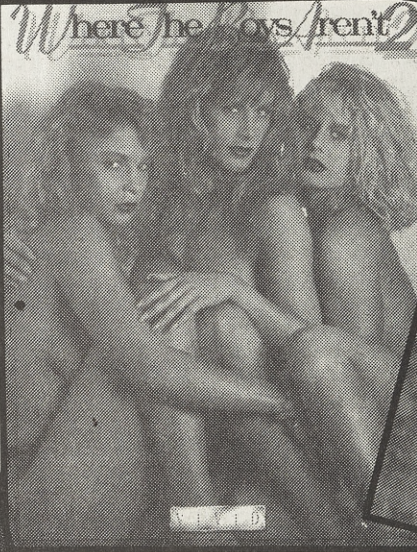
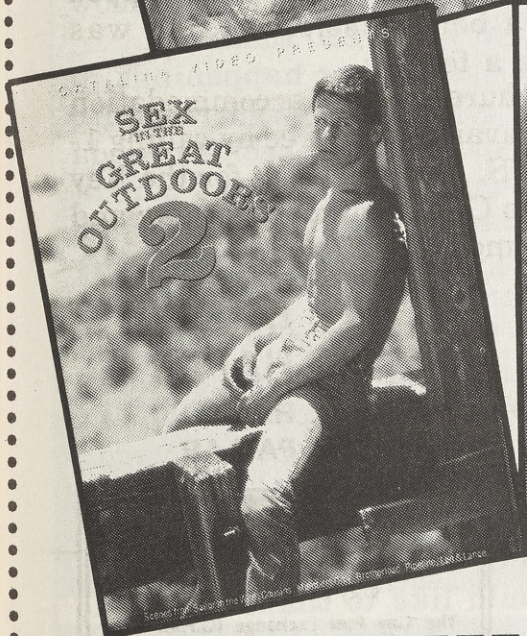
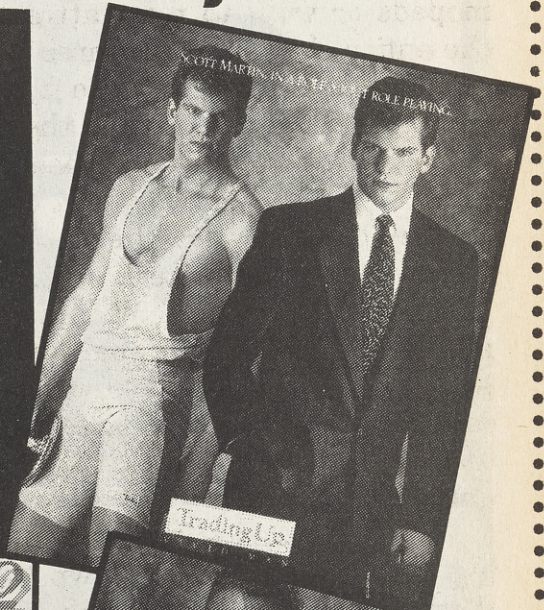
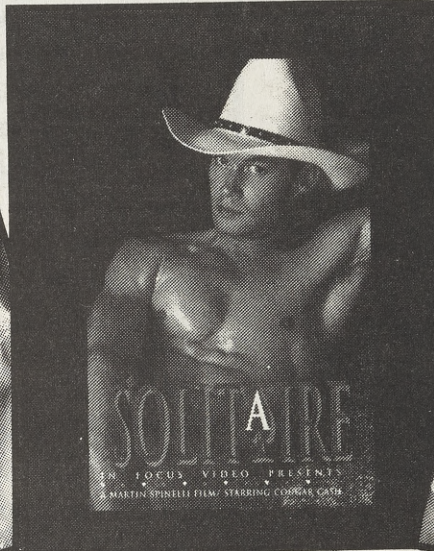


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April 11, 8:30 p.m. at the Mercantile Saloon for Lambda Community Center and on April 12 (8:30 p.m.) Joseph's Town & Country for Hand to Hand Home Care Services.

The Thank God It's Over Party at Joseph's Town & Country starts at 9:30 p.m. Lady Garnet and Leonard's headquarters on April 13th will be Faces. Free BBQ with a special show from the roof featuring Lady Garnet.

Well that's it—the entire schedule of the candidates.

The coronation will take place Saturday, April 20 at the Turn Verein Hall, 3349 J Street. Doors open at 6 p.m. Show starts sharply at 7 p.m. \$20 admission.

There are some other happenings in Sacramento. Ms. Leather Sacramento 1988-1989 is sponsoring a beer and soda bust Sunday April 7th 3 p.m. to 7 p.m. at Faces in the dance patio bar. A portion of the proceeds go to Hope House and Big John will be your bartender.

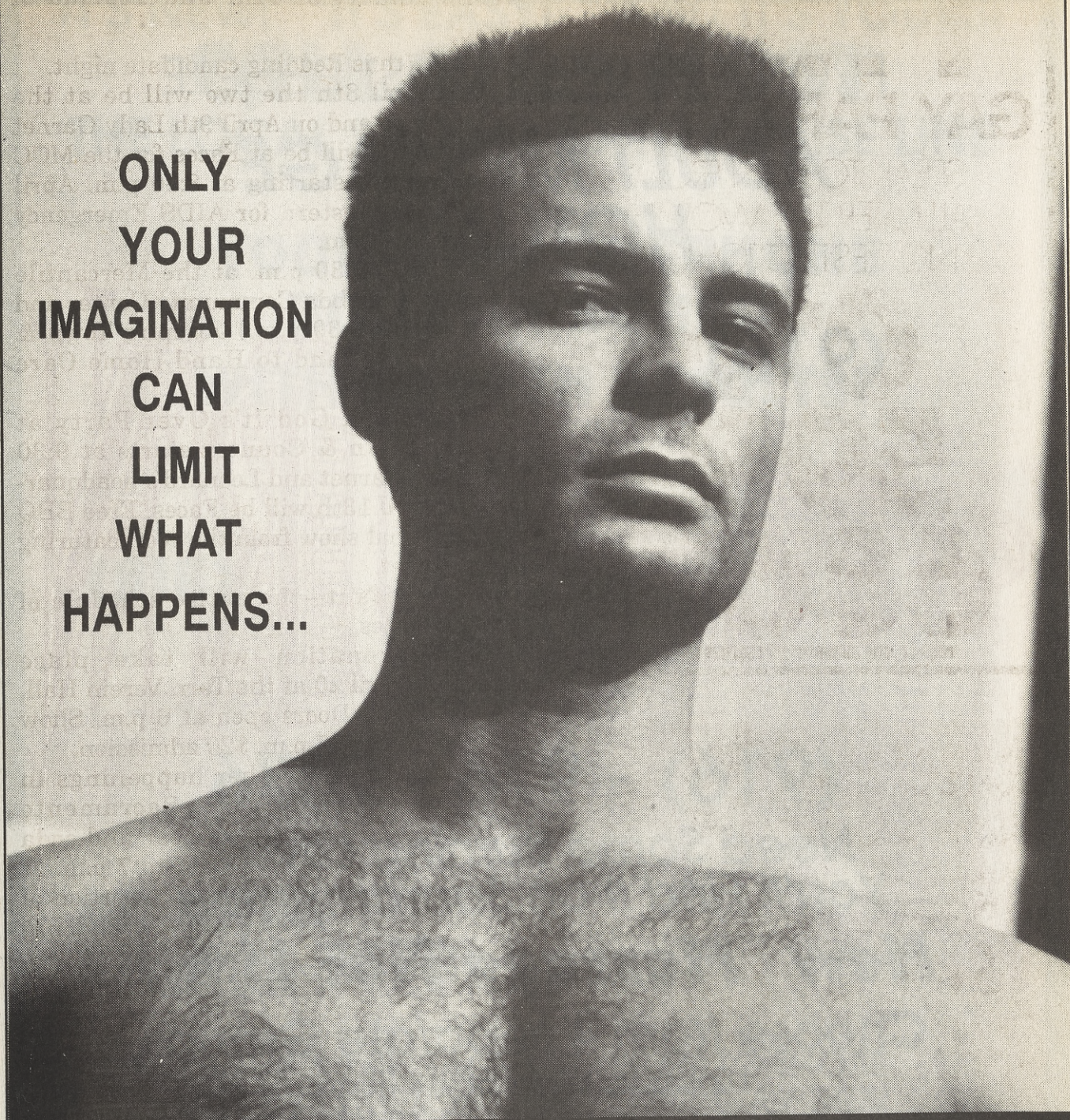
The River City Democratic Club will celebrate their eighth anniversary with a party at Faces Saturday, April 6 5:30 p.m. to 7:30 p.m. Come out, everyone is invited.

April 13, in the afternoon, at the Merc our one and only Stacey will be performing as only she can.

Now I would like to thank everyone who wrote to me concerning Sacramento's gay community attitude toward outsiders. Excerpts from the letters I received appear in our letters section at the beginning of the PATLAR.

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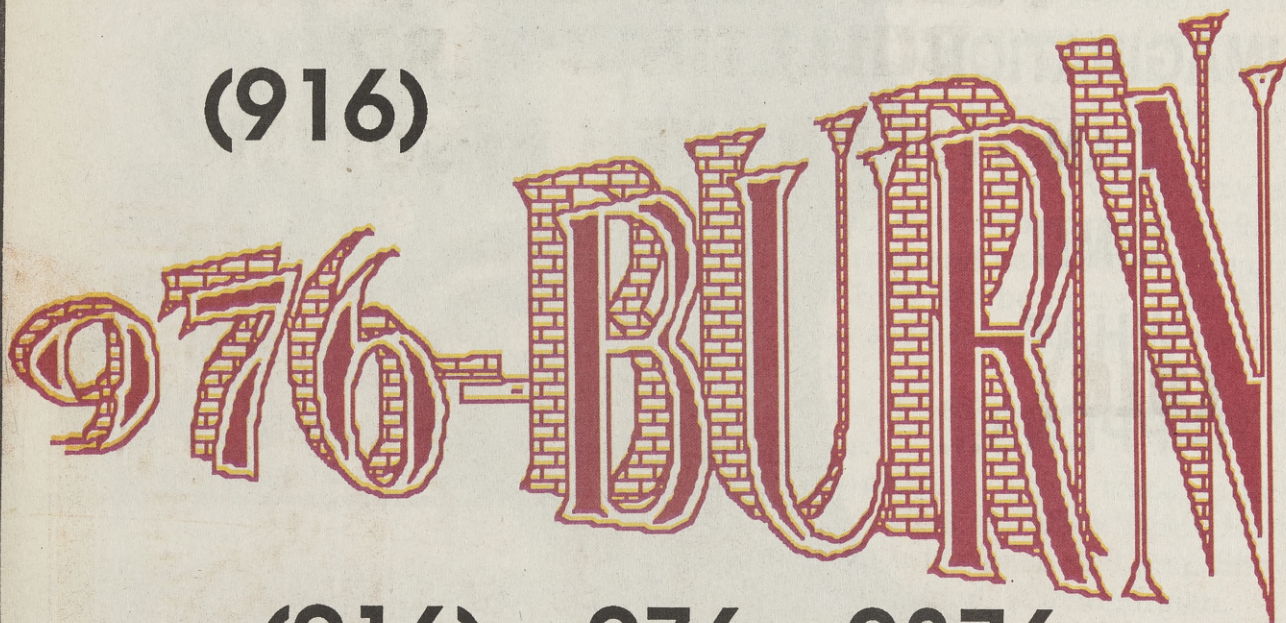
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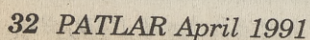
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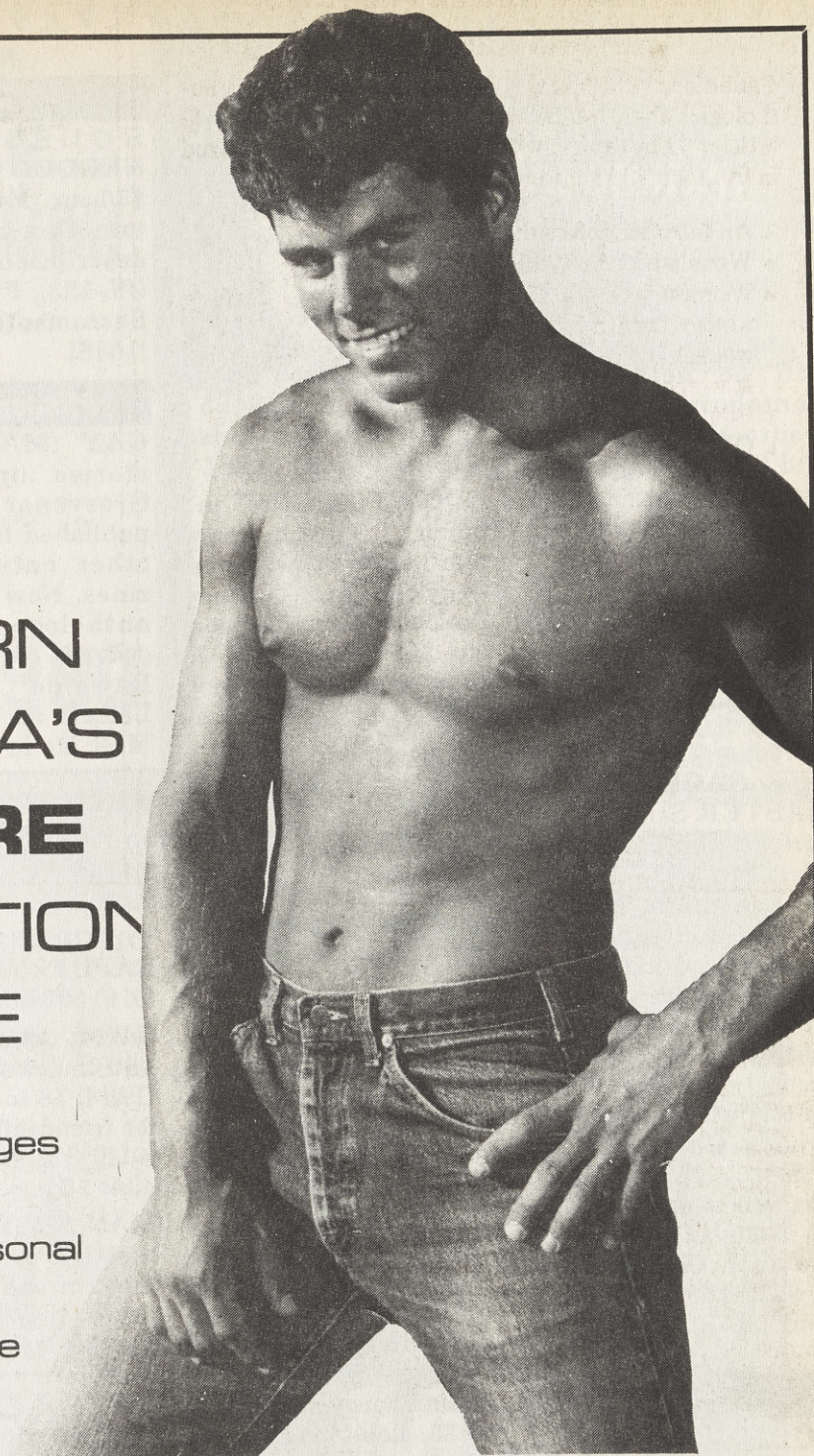
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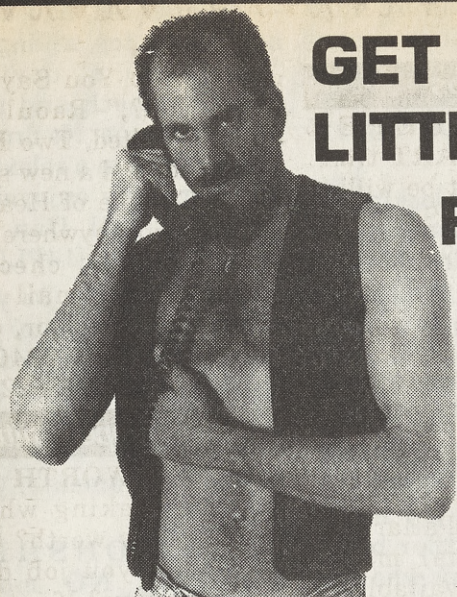
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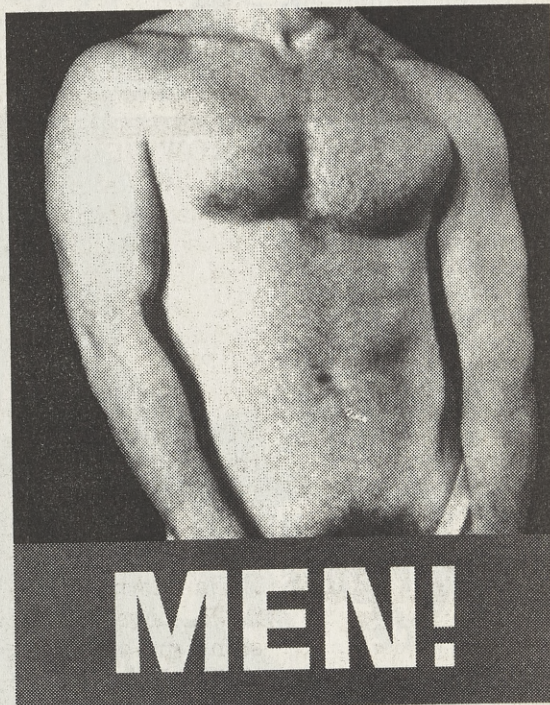
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